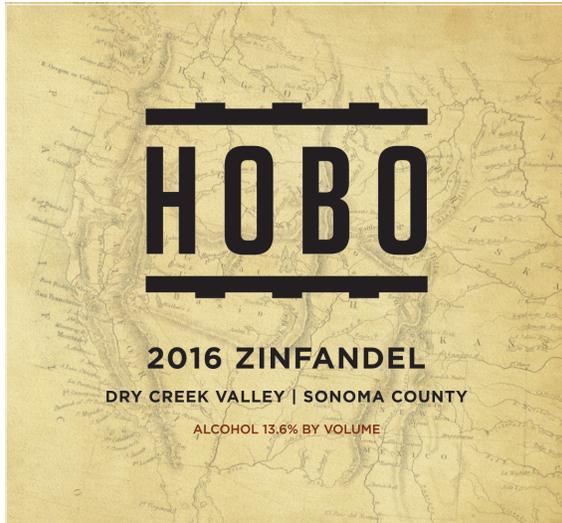




DRY CREEK VALLEY ZINFANDEL 2016



The Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is an “appellation wine” and we attempt to make a wine that represents what we think the appellation is; rich, but not overripe, fruit-forward, but not a bomb, structured, but not tannic. We strive for consistent drinkability, but given the nature of Zin, vintages vary quite a bit stylistically and sometimes in flavor profile.

Not to sound like a broken record, but I do sincerely think that the 2016 is even better than 2015 which was great and better than the previous vintage. 2016 was a little wetter and a little cooler and the extra hangtime is always a good thing. Like 2015, the 2016 is another pretty “classic” Dry Creek Valley Zin. Crushed violet in the nose with a touch of jamminess and a slightly briary blueberry/blackberry fruit complemented with nice baking spices.

We continue to cover the geographical and climatic diversity that the appellation has to offer from the far North Rockpile part of the Dry Creek Valley to the Southern most border of the appellation. It is our belief that the multiple sites and climates and soil types give us a representation of the appellation and a variety of different expressions and flavors. The pieces were fermented individually and blended at the first racking in March of 2017 including about 12% Petite Sirah. The final blend was aged in a 1200 gallon French oak Upright.

Technical Info		Notes:
Harvest	Sept. 3, 12 & 24	
pH	3.60	
TA	6.7 g/L	
R.S.	0.01%	
Alcohol	13.6% by volume	
Production	501 cases.	

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